



**This pack has been developed to help promote VHHITAL education and training courses and other opportunities across Victoria.**

### Quarterly education and training calendar

Please add our quarterly calendar of training sessions to your newsletters and social media calendars. Details of all statewide training can be found on our [BBV/STI education and events calendar](#).

Training topic	Training dates – April to June 2025	
<b>Hepatitis C for Nurses and Midwives</b>	<a href="#">Wednesday, 2 April</a>	10am – 1pm
<b>STI Community of Practice - DoxyPEP</b>	<a href="#">Tuesday, 29 April</a>	6:30pm – 8:30pm
<b>Treatment of Antimicrobial Resistant STIs: Mycoplasma Genitalium, Gonorrhoea and Others</b>	<a href="#">Thursday, 8 May</a>	6:30pm – 8:30pm
<b>Hepatitis C Community of Practice Working with Corrections</b>	<a href="#">Monday, 12 May</a>	12pm – 1:30pm
<b>Hepatitis B for Nurses and Midwives</b>	<a href="#">Tuesday, 20 and Thursday, 22 May</a>	9:30am – 1:30pm
<b>HIV s100 Prescriber Course</b>	<a href="#">Tuesdays, 27 May and 3, 10, 17 June</a>	6:30pm – 8:30pm

### Social media and newsletters

VHHITAL is using the VTPHNA social channels to promote all events – please share the posts where possible. We have provided social media tiles and suggested copy for your newsletters and social media below. You can download the [image tiles here](#).

### Social tags

- Facebook: [@vtpnhna](#), [@mshc.org.au](#), [@WesternHealth](#), [@TheAlfredHospital](#), [@burnetinstitute](#), [@DohertyInstitute](#), [@VicGovDH](#), [@StVincentHospitalMelb](#), [@RoyalMelbourneHospital](#)
- LinkedIn: [@victorian-tasmanian-phn-alliance](#), [@melbourne-sexual-health-centre](#), [@westernhealth](#), [@burnet-institute-for-medical-research-and-public-health](#), [@alfred-hospital](#), [@the-peter-doherty-institute-for-infection-and-immunity](#), [@department-of-health-victoria](#), [@SVHM](#), [@theroyalmelbournehospital](#)
- Twitter/X: [@MSHCRResearch](#), [@Western\\_Health](#), [@AlfredHealth](#), [@BurnetInstitute](#), [@TheDohertyInst](#), [@VicGovDH](#), [@StVincentMelb](#), [@theRMH](#)

### Where to go for VHHITAL information

You can find all our course information, including members of faculty, and other opportunities on our [website](#).

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VHHITAL Course Communications | April – June 2025



## 1. Hepatitis C for Nurses and Midwives

### Short news item

This course has been developed by nurses for nurses and midwives.

Hosted by the Victorian HIV and Hepatitis Integrated Training and Learning (VHHITAL) program, this free CPD-approved online training course provides nurses with the knowledge and confidence to increase screening and management of hepatitis C in primary care settings.

The facilitated training consists of a 3-hour interactive webinar comprising of presentations, panel discussions, case studies and group discussions.

**Date:** Wednesday, 2 April 2025

**Time:** 10am – 1pm

**CPD:** 3 CPD hours, endorsed by ACN and NMBA. Pending endorsement by ACM.

**Register:** <https://bit.ly/3EWd86E>

### Suggested social media copy

Nurses and midwives: Gain the skills and confidence to increase screening and management of hepatitis C in primary care settings with this CPD-approved training course, hosted by the Victorian HIV and Hepatitis Integrated Training and Learning (VHHITAL) program.

Don't miss your spot. Register for this three-hour online training course with Dr Jacqui Richmond and Mieken Grant on 2 April. Register here: <https://bit.ly/3EWd86E>

**Join our statewide STI Community of Practice - DoxyPEP**

**VHHITAL**  
VICTORIAN HIV AND HEPATITIS  
INTEGRATED TRAINING AND LEARNING

Online: 2 hrs  
2 Educational Activity

All practitioners are invited to submit cases for discussion prior to the day to [vhhital@nwmpnhn.org.au](mailto:vhhital@nwmpnhn.org.au)

## 2. STI Community of Practice - DoxyPeP

### Short news item

#### Join our statewide STI community of practice

This is an opportunity for GPs and nurses interested in deepening their understanding of STIs to meet experts, discuss complex cases, ask questions, seek advice, and provide peer support.

DoxyPEP involves taking an antibiotic after a high-risk sexual act to reduce the risk of bacterial sexually transmitted infections among gay, bisexual, and other men who have sex with men. Clinical trials of DoxyPEP have shown significant reductions in syphilis, chlamydia and gonorrhoea.

This session will provide attendees with an update on Doxy-PEP and how to determine whether this might be a suitable strategy for your patients. Dr Melanie Bissessor, sexual health physician and Shauna Hall, nurse practitioner at Melbourne Sexual Health Centre, will facilitate the session online on Tuesday, 29 April. This session is run in collaboration with the @Melbourne Sexual Health Centre. All practitioners are invited to submit cases for discussion.

**Date:** Tuesday, 29 April 2025

**Time:** 6:30pm – 8:30pm

**CPD:** 2 x RACGP CPD Educational Activity. All participants will receive a certificate of attendance.

**Register:** <https://bit.ly/4bj6ZgY>

#### Suggested social media copy

Clinical trials of DoxyPEP have shown significant reductions in syphilis, chlamydia and gonorrhoea.

We invite GPs and practice nurses to join other experts in the field in our statewide community of practice with @Melbourne Sexual Health Centre on 29 April for an update on Doxy-PEP and how to determine whether this might be a suitable strategy for your patients. We encourage all practitioners to submit cases for discussion prior to the day. Places are limited. Register now: <https://bit.ly/4bj6ZgY>

# Treatment of antimicrobial resistant STIs

Register now:  
[bbvsti.vtphna.org.au](https://bbvsti.vtphna.org.au)



Online: 2 hrs  
2 Educational Activity



## 3. Treatment of Antimicrobial Resistant STIs: Mycoplasma Genitalium, Gonorrhoea and Others

### Short news item

Both Mycoplasma genitalium (MG) and gonorrhoea are relatively common in Australia. Both STIs have developed anti-microbial resistance in recent years, rendering them increasingly difficult to treat. Hosted by the Victorian HIV and Hepatitis Integrated Training and Learning (VHHITAL) program, this course will delve into treating evolving drug resistant STIs, including gonorrhoea and MG.

The session will be presented by @Melbourne Sexual Health Centre physician Dr Melanie Bissessor and nurse practitioner Shauna Hall on Thursday, 8 May.

**Date:** Thursday, 8 May 2025

**Time:** 6:30pm – 8:30pm

**CPD:** 2 x RACGP CPD Educational Activity hours. All participants will receive a certificate of attendance.

**Register:** <https://bit.ly/3CUR0cb>

### Suggested social media copy

Both Mycoplasma genitalium (MG) and gonorrhoea are relatively common in Australia. Both STIs have developed anti-microbial resistance in recent years, rendering them increasingly difficult to treat.

STIs can cause severe health problems if left undiagnosed and untreated. Don't miss your spot. Register for this CPD-approved online session with Dr Melanie Bissessor and Shauna Hall from @MHSC on Thursday, 8 May: <https://bit.ly/3CUR0cb>



**Join our  
Hepatitis C  
Community of  
Practice**



**Online: 1.5 hrs  
12 May 2025**

**All practitioners are invited to submit cases for discussion  
prior to the day to [vhhital@nwmphn.org.au](mailto:vhhital@nwmphn.org.au)**

## 4. Hepatitis C Community of Practice – Working with Corrections

### Short news item

Hosted by the Victorian HIV and Hepatitis Integrated Training and Learning (VHHITAL) program, this Hepatitis C Community of Practice session is intended to support the alcohol and other drugs workforce with the opportunity to bring case-based studies for discussion and mutual learning.

Linking attendees with expert knowledge in point of care testing, prison settings, nurse led models of care and community facing support services, the Community of Practice aims to support the elimination of hepatitis C in Victoria.

All practitioners are invited to submit cases for future discussion. Presenters will be selected based on the needs of each case so early submission is encouraged.

**Date:** Monday, 12 May 2025

**Time:** 12pm – 1:30pm

**CPD:** This session is not currently accredited with RACGP Portal. Participants will need to self-record this activity via Quick Log through their RACGP myCPD dashboard.

**Register:** <https://bit.ly/41g1BGr>

### Suggested social media copy

Hosted by the Victorian HIV and Hepatitis Integrated Training and Learning (VHHITAL) program, this Hepatitis C Community of Practice (CoP) is intended to support the alcohol and other drugs workforce with the opportunity to bring case-based studies for discussion and mutual learning.

Don't miss your spot! Register for this online CoP with Dr Jacqui Richmond on 12 May. We encourage all practitioners to submit cases for discussion prior to the day. Register now: <https://bit.ly/41g1BGr>





## 5. Hepatitis B for Nurses and Midwives

### Short news item

This course has been developed by nurses for nurses and midwives. In this 2-session course you will develop advanced skills and knowledge in hepatitis B nursing. Open across Victoria, the online course enables participants to discuss practice strategies with peers and specialists. This is an Australian College of Midwives CPD Endorsed Activity.

**Date:** Tuesday, 20 and Thursday, 22 May

**Time:** 9:30pm – 1pm

**CPD:** 10 CPD hours, endorsed by ACN, ACM, and NMBA.

**Register:** <https://bit.ly/3Se6WtJ>

### Suggested social media copy

Nurses and midwives: Hepatitis can cause severe health problems including liver cancer if left undiagnosed and untreated. Don't miss your spot. Register for this 8-hour CPD-approved online training course with Dr Jacqui Richmond and Miekán Grant in 2 parts: 20 and 22 May. Register here: <https://bit.ly/3Se6WtJ>

**HIV s100  
Prescriber  
Course**

**Register now:  
[bbvsti.vtphna.org.au](https://bbvsti.vtphna.org.au)**

**VHHITAL**  
VICTORIAN HIV AND HEPATITIS  
INTEGRATED TRAINING AND LEARNING

**Online: 4 x 2 hr sessions  
12.5 Educational Activity  
9.5 Reviewing Performance**

## 6. HIV s100 Prescriber Course

### Short news item

Hosted by the Victorian HIV and Hepatitis Integrated Training and Learning (VHHITAL) program, this CPD-approved course is designed to support GPs and nurse practitioners in managing and treating HIV in the general practice setting, providing them with the opportunity to establish relationships with local specialist services for ongoing mentoring and referral.

**Date:** Tuesdays, 27 May and 3, 10, 17 June

**Time:** 6:30pm – 8:30pm

**CPD:** 12.5 RACGP CPD Educational Activity, 9.5 Reviewing Performance hours

**Register:** <https://bit.ly/47uV2Rt>

### Suggested social media copy

Need help in managing and treating HIV? Become a s100 prescriber today.

Hosted by the Victorian HIV and Hepatitis Integrated Training and Learning (VHHITAL) program, this CPD-approved course is designed to support GPs and nurse practitioners in managing and treating HIV in the general practice setting, providing them with the opportunity to establish relationships with local specialist services for ongoing mentoring and referral.

Don't miss your spot. Register for this 4-part online course: Tuesdays 27 May and 3, 10, 17 June:

<https://bit.ly/47uV2Rt>